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THE BETHEL CONNECTION

July 1, 2020

The Bethesda team would like to thank Bethel for their monetary donations and prayers for the planned trip to Bethesda this July. Many of you gave generously with hopes that our trip would bring glory to God's name as we ministered to the dear children at Bethesda. However, due to the global outbreak of the coronavirus, our flights have been cancelled. After checking with Bethesda, we have been informed that Africa's borders are closed at this time as well. We are disappointed, but recognize if God desires us to go to Bethesda, He will provide future dates in His perfect timing. We will revisit the possibility of scheduling the trip for next summer when our team meets later this year.

In the meantime, Bethesda has recently sent us several updates about their outreach program as well as prayer requests that we can faithfully take to the Lord on a daily basis. First, please pray for health and safety for all living and working at Bethesda! They have shared that no one on campus has gotten sick, which is a HUGE praise! However, cases continue to rise in South Africa and the pandemic is expected to continue to worsen through the winter months (which is through the end of August for them). Second, pray for Bethesda to be able to identify and train a new houseparent couple. Specifically pray for the children as they transition to new leadership within the home. Bethesda is praising God for 20 years of meeting the needs of orphans so that they might become disciples of Christ. Please continue to hold them up in your prayers as they minister to children!

In closing, Matthew 4:19 says "*Come, follow me,*" Jesus said, "*I will make you fishers of men.*" Let those words "*come, follow and make*" resonate in your heart for a moment as you reflect on this truth. Just as Jesus commanded His disciples to minister and share the good news of Jesus Christ to men, our job in 2020 should be the same. Whether those "men" are in our work environment, neighbors, or even people we come into contact with in our community, we need to ask ourselves "*What will we do with the time God has provided for us to minister this summer? Will we 'make fishers of men' **HERE AND RIGHT NOW?***"

~Callie Wyatt

Do you want to know more about Bethesda Outreach and their ministry? Please visit www.bethesdaoutreach.org and sign up to receive their updates via email.

- ❖ If you have a group that has typically met at the church for non-church related activities, we are asking that you fill out a new Building Use form as we look to be able to open the facility back up in the coming months. Please contact Melody for a new form.
- ❖ Any lady who prayed for one of our Bethel teen girls this past school year through the Prayer Gal ministry, now is the time to reveal your identity to your girl. You may do this in whatever way you wish. Contact Jan Good if you have questions.
- ❖ We are looking to have a Baby Dedication on August 9, 2020. If you are interested in having your child dedicated, please talk to Kelly Hines.
- ❖ If you are responsible for submitting a report for the BBC Annual Business Meeting, please be sure to have that to the office by Tuesday, July 7.

What about the offering?

We encourage you to continue giving generously to the Lord's work here at Bethel. Here are some different options available :

- Mail
- Bank bill pay
- Drop off at the office
- Call & have an elder or deacon pick it up for you
- Online giving through the website

Office Hours:

We will be working mostly from our homes in the coming weeks. Please contact our cell phones or email us!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

▪ ZOOM PRAYER MEETING WEDNESDAY AT 7 PM

Be sure to email the church office to be included in this meeting. You will then be sent a link via email.

SERVICE TIMES AND PROCEDURES WILL REMAIN THE SAME FOR THIS WEEK. WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THE LORD'S TABLE THIS SUNDAY.

- Sunday, July 5 service at 9:15 am, sign up with Kelly Hines
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- Sunday, July 5 Drive-in service @ 11:15 am
- Sermon audio available on website by noon on Sunday.
- **AS THIS IS A HOLIDAY WEEKEND, IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO SIGN UP FOR EITHER SERVICE YOU ARE WISHING TO ATTEND.**

MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

News from Ecuador: "Two more months of lockdown." That mean the green light will not be reached until August 15. Quito was partially open until a spike in cases closed the city down again. Back to red. Lynford talked to a family who stated the situation is grave. Please pray for the people of Ecuador. Beyond the physical need is the heart need of God's salvation. Many believers are sharing their faith!

Please pray for the believers to remain joyful in the midst of trial & to be a witness to all those around.

Pray that God will intervene in the pandemic in Ecuador so that businesses can open and life can return to normal.

LYNFORD & SHARON REGIER

~~~~BBC Annual Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 15.



~~~~Baker's wanted! The Warrior Up program is needing some cookies to feed some hungry kids through the month of July. If you are able, please make some cookies and bring with you to church on Sunday's through-out July or contact Kelly Hines for an alternate pick up plan.

PRAYER

Please continue in prayer for those who have had surgeries recently: Mike Schultz, Paulette Krulik, Connie Davis, Erika Bunger

Pray for the unrest that is facing much of our country. Pray that God, in His infinite wisdom, would use each of us as a beacon of His light!

Pray for our Elders, Council and staff as we continue to assess and decide what is best for our church family regarding meeting together. We recognize that without meeting, many lack the encouragement and teaching God provides through our meetings. We also sense the importance of being wise and loving with our response to the pandemic. Many are experiencing 'pandemic fatigue.' Pray that as a church we will seek hard after God in the midst of our weariness and confusion. Pray for wisdom that we will make good decisions that God can bless with fruit for His kingdom.